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**STATEMENT PURSUANT TO MPEP 201.11[III][G] AND TRANSMITTAL OF
APPLICATION DATA SHEET**

Pursuant to MPEP 201.11[III][G], Applicants hereby transmit an Application Data Sheet to cancel certain claims of priority. In the application as filed, Applicants claimed priority to eight applications, the earliest of which dated back to March 5, 1991. In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner stated that the proper earliest claim of priority was to the application filed on December 23, 1993, which was U.S. patent application serial number 08/173,173.

Applicants maintain their claim of priority to U.S. patent application serial number 08/173,173, as well as to U.S. patent application serial number 08/362,266 (filed December 22, 1994) and U.S. patent application serial number 09/088,820 (filed June 2, 1998).

However, consistent with the Examiner's recognition of the December 23, 1993 priority date and MPEP 201.11[III][G], Applicants cancel the previously made claims of priority to the applications filed before December 23, 1993. Those applications were

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U.S. patent application serial No. 07/775,786 (filed October 11, 1991); U.S. patent application serial No. 07/664,837 (filed March 5, 1991); U.S. patent application serial number 08/162,397 (filed December 6, 1993); U.S. patent application serial number 08/155,746 (filed November 23, 1993); and U.S. patent application serial number 08/145,145 (filed November 3, 1993). The enclosed Application Data Sheet omits claims of priority to these five applications.

Due to the cancellation of certain claims of priority, Applicants note that the term of the patent will be measured from the December 23, 1993 date.

Because Applicants are merely supplying an Application Data Sheet consistent with the Examiner's determination of a claim of priority, Applicants respectfully request entry of the Application Data Sheet. Applicants also request issuance of an updated filing receipt.

Applicants believe that no fee is due with this submission. However, if any fee is required, the Patent Office is authorized to charge that fee to deposit account 11-0171. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this submission, she is invited to contact Applicants' attorney of record at the telephone number noted below.

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